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SUBJ: GULF OIL

REF: A. LA PAZ 3293

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1. I APPRECIATE GUIDANCE IN STATE 110488, IN ESSENCE THAT WE
KEEP USG INVOLVEMENT IN GULF OIL MATTER TO BARE MINIMUM REQUIRED
TO BE HELPFUL TO ALL CONCERNED. IN SUPPORT OF THAT POLICY, I
TRUST THAT I WILL BE PROVIDED GUIDANCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR
RESPONSE TO THE NOTE FROM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
CONVEYED IN REF C AND BACKED UP BY PERSONAL APPEAL OF
PRESIDENT BANZER DESCRIBED IN REF D.

2. FOR OUR OWN HELP HERE, IT WOULD BE VERY USEFUL TO HAVE AS
MUCH MATERIAL AS IS AVAILABLE ON TESTIMONY OR STATEMENTS MADE
BY GULF OIL OFFICERS TO INVESTIGATING GROUPS. I GATHER FROM
THE PRESS THAT THE SEC REVIEW IS SECRET AND THUS I ASSUME
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MATERIAL FROM THAT INVESTIGATION WOULD NOT BE READILY AVAIL-

ABLE. HOWEVER, MUCH HAS BEEN MADE OF STATEMENTS MADE BEFORE A SENATE SUB-COMMITTEE AND IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR US TO KNOW, IF POSSIBLE, JUST WHAT GULF HAS STATED TO THAT GROUP.

3. WE DEEPLY APPRECIATE OUR ATTENTION BEING CALLED TO WIRELESS BULLETIN ITEMS ON THE GULF MATTER AND WOULD ONLY POINT OUT THAT GARBLES IN TRANSMISSION ARE FREQUENT. THUS IF THERE IS ANY WIRELESS MATERIAL OF CRITICAL NATURE, IT SHOULD BE REPEATED BY TELEGRAM.

4. WEEKLY BUSINESS LETTER, "IPE", OF MAY 12 IS DEVOTED TO GULF MATTER. IPE EDITOR, GONZALO LOPEZ, CHARGES THAT GOB REDUCED GULF DEBT TO PETROLEUM SOCIAL SECURITY FUND FROM THREE MILLION DOLLARS TO 250 THOUSAND DOLLARS, HINTING A PAY-OFF. ARTICLE ALSO SUGGESTS THAT AMBASSADOR CAPRILES WAS INSTALLED AS MINISTER OF ENERGY AND HYDROCARBONS THROUGH INFLUENCE OF GULF, APPOINTMENT TO INSURE FULFILLMENT OF GULF'S INTERESTS IN GOB AGREEMENT.

5. MOST NEWSPAPERS OF MAY 13 CARRY STORIES ABOUT STATEMENTS MADE BY ARMED FORCES LEADERS IN SUPPORT OF GOB DECISION TO REFUSE REPRESENTATIVE OF GULF AND IN SOME INSTANCES SUGGESTING THAT INDEMNIFICATION PAYMENTS ARE NOT GOING TO BE MADE TO GULF. IN THIS CONNECTION, PRESENCIA NEWSPAPER IS PUBLISHING POLLS OF PUBLIC OPINION WHICH SHOW THAT PEOPLE ARE FAVORING A SUSPENSION OF INDEMNIFICATION PAYMENTS TO GULF.
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